

May 10, 2006

**TO: Commission Members** 

FR: Debbie Becker

**RE:** FY07 Capacity Building Grant Application

At this writing, the deadline for submitting the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of Capacity Building grants has passed and we have received 27 applications. The totals request for these 27 applications equal \$278,226.

Total available for distribution for the period of July 1, 2006 – July 1, 2007 is \$100,000.

## **Process:**

- → Grant Application created and sent to all staff for review on April 6, 2006, with a due date for comments on Friday.
- → Mailed to all Conservation Districts on April 12, 2006
- → Amended via telephone conversations to allow those who received funding last year to submit applications for this year – May 1, 2006
- → The same review team will meet June 16, 2006 to review the applications and rank the requests.
- → A special Commission meeting will need to be held to approve the staff recommendation for the funding distribution.